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ADDENDUM

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Programme planning (item 4 (a))

1. At its 36th and 37th meetings, on 25 June 1999, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/54/125).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the document.

DISCUSSION

3. The Committee recalled that the General Assembly had, in section III of its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998, adopted the revised Regulations and had requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to prepare revisions to the relevant rules and to bring them to the attention of the General Assembly through the Committee before promulgation. It was observed that the promulgation of rules was the prerogative of the Secretary-General as chief administrative officer of the Organization.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Committee recommended that the rules the Secretary-General intended to promulgate, as proposed in document A/54/125, should be amended along the following lines:

(a) Regulation 1.1. The last sentence of rule 101.1 (a) should read "The Office of Programme Planning, Budgeting and Accounts, on behalf of the Secretary-General, shall be responsible for the oversight of the application of these rules.";

(b) Regulation 3.2.

The new rule concerning the budget outline should more appropriately follow regulation 3.2.A.1 (d);

(c) Regulation 4.2. Rule 104.2 (a). The current paragraph should be retained;

(d) Regulation 4.5.

(i) Rule 104.6 (c) should be divided into two rules, the first ending with the words "programme budgets for the biennium." The second rule should begin with the words "The subprogramme structure shall correspond, to the extent possible, to an organizational unit ... ";

(ii) Rule 104.6 (d) (i). The original paragraph should be retained, with the deletion of the word "major" in the first and last lines;

(e) Regulation 4.8.

(i) Rule 104.12 (b). The words "regulation 4.9" should be changed to read "regulations 4.8 and 4.9";

(ii) Rule 104.12 (e). The words "Steering Committee on Reform and Management" should be replaced by "Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts";

(f) Regulation 4.11.

(i) Rule 104.3 (b). The current paragraph should be retained;

(ii) Rule 104.3 (c). The current paragraph should be retained;

(iii) Rule 104.3 (d) should read as follows:

"The strategy for the subprogrammes shall describe the course of action, the type of activities (research, technical assistance, support of negotiations, etc.), and the programme framework within which the budget will be prepared, which can be expected to result in the fulfilment of the objectives set.";

(g) Regulation 4.13.

(i) Rule 104.11 (a) (i). At the end of the sentence, the words "and any other revisions which should be properly identified" should be inserted;

(ii) Rule 104.11 (a) (iii) should be deleted;

(iii) Rule 104.11 (c) should be retained;

(h) Regulation 4.16. Rule 104.18 (a). After the words "in accordance with" the words "regulations 3.2 and 5.1 through 5.9" should be inserted;

(i) Regulation 5.3. Rule 105.3. References to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly should be retained;

(j) Regulation 5.4. Rule 105.4.1 (c). At the end of paragraph (i), the words "and inclusion of reports thereto" should be added and paragraph (vii) should be deleted;

(k) Regulation 5.6. Rules 105.6 (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). After the word "outputs", the words "and activities" should be added;

(l) Regulation 5.7.

(i) Rule 105.7 (b). The words "Steering Committee on Reform and Management" should be replaced by "Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts";

(ii) Rule 105.7 (c). The paragraph should be retained and the words "programme elements" should be replaced with the words "activities";

(m) Regulation 5.9. Rule 105.9 (a). After the word "outputs", the words "and activities" should be added;

(n) Regulation 6.1.

(i) Rule 106.1 (a). Before the word "shall" the words "in consultation with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts" should be inserted;

(ii) Rule 106.1 (a) (ii). After the words "determine the actual" the words "progress made towards achieving expected accomplishments through the" should be inserted;

(iii) Rule 106.1 (b) (ii). After "The Central Monitoring and Inspection Unit" the words "in consultation with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts" should be inserted;

(iv) Rule 106.1 (e). A new paragraph (e) reading "In the programme performance report, the assessment required under 106.1 (a) (ii) shall

be indicated against objectives and expected accomplishments, to the extent possible, in subprogrammes. Explanations shall be given for lack of progress" should be added;

(o) Regulation 6.2. Rule 106.2 (b). After the word "discretion" the words "with full justification" should be inserted;

(p) Regulation 7.3. Rule 107.3 (b). After the word "outputs", the word "activities" should be added.

5. The Secretary-General should bring to the attention of the General Assembly, along with the revised Rules, a rule which gives guidance to programme managers for better implementation of regulation 5.4.